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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, JULY 2

1. NYT (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "SOVIET TO TAX FUNDS FROM ABROAD 30 PER CENT" BY MALCOLM BROWNE. NEW LAW MADE PUBLIC TODAY (JULY 1) APPARENTLY AIMED AT DISSIDENT GROUPS RECEIVING FUNDS FROM ABROAD. BY DECREE OF MAY 23 DUTY ON MONEY TRANSACTIONS TO SOVIET CITIZENS FROM ABROAD BECOMES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1; EXEMPTS ALIMONY PAYMENTS, INHERITANCES, ROYALTIES, COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES, FUNDS FROM SALE OF PROPERTY ABROAD, MONEY OF RE-EMIGRANTS AND REPATRIATES. ARTICLE RECALLS ABORTED EDUCATION TAX, OTHER PRESSURES ON PROSPECTIVE EMIGRANTS.

2. WP (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "U.S. FIRST STRIKE CALLED CONCEIVABLE" REPORTS ON SCHLESINGER INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE SAID THERE WAS VERY, VERY LOW PROBABILITY OF THIS HAPPENING BUT CONCEDED HIS EMPHASIS ON FIELDING A FIRST STRIKE FORCE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS CHANGE IN NUCLEAR STRATEGY. (ALSO NYT; SUN - PAGE 5 - ALSO REPORTED SCHLESINGER'S ASSERTION THAT U.S. POLICY OF REFUSING TO FORESWEAR FIRST USE HAS BEEN UNCHANGED IN NUCLEAR AGE; UNCLASSIFIED

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TO DO SO WOULD WEAKEN DETERRENCE OF WAR.)

3. WP (PAGE 9) GOVERNOR MANDEL, IN NEW YORK, SAID U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS RESPONSIBILITY TO DISABUSE SOVIET

LEADERSHIP OF NOTION THAT FREE EMIGRATION OF RUSSIAN
JEWS IS NARROW ISSUE SUPPORTED ONLY BY SMALL ZIONIST
PRESSURE GROUPS IN COUNTRY, AND MAKE CLEAR THAT THIS IS
OF CONCERN TO ALL LEVELS OF OUR SOCIETY AND GOVERNMENT.
HIS REMARKS ON VISIT TO USSR MORE POINTED THAN WHEN HE
FIRST RETURNED. TOLD OF HIS INTERVIEWS WITH GOREN'S
WIFE AND LERNER.

4. SUN (PAGE 2 - NEWS CAPSULE) SOLZHENITSYN, EXILED
RUSSIAN NOVELIST, MADE FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE BEFORE
AMERICAN AUDIENCE SOUND LESS LIKE SPEECH THAN SERMON.
(ALSO NYT)

5. SUN (PAGE 4) HEADLINE "SOVIET 'REFUSENIK' TAKES CASE
TO MATHIAS," BY HAL PIPER, DATELINE MOSCOW. ELIAH
ESSAS, SOVIET JEW WHO HAS BEEN TRYING FOR TWO YEARS TO
EMIGRATE, CALLED SENATOR MATHIAS AT HIS HOTEL AND ARRANGED
TO MEET IN LOBBY, HANDED HIM THREE LETTERS, TWO FOR
DELIVERY TO FRIENDS IN U.S. INGERSOLL

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